



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Tadahiro OHMI, et al.

Serial No.: 09/864,376

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For: PLASMA PROCESSING APPARATUS AND PLASMA
PROCESSING METHOD

Group Art Unit: 3748

Examiner: Zervigon, Ruby

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

March 13, 2003

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated September 13, 2002, the time for reply having been duly extended until March 13, 2003, by the attached petition, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Attached hereto is a Request for Approval of Corrected Drawing Figures, along with a corrected Fig. 1 showing "D" added in red ink. Upon approval of the corrected Fig. 1, formal drawings will be filed in due course.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 2, and 4-8 as follows:

1. (Amended) A plasma processing apparatus for processing an object to be processed using a plasma, comprising:
a processing chamber defining a processing cavity for containing an object to be processed and a process gas therein;

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